

My family has benefited greatly by the initiative of the State of Indiana to reduce telemarketing calls to our home. We have been on the "no-call" list since its inception and during that time, we have received only one or two calls a month, instead of the five or six calls a week we used to receive. We consider ourselves informed consumers and are also informed about the charities we wish to support. During this time we have not been lacking in consumer information or other things that would be of benefit to us that a normal telemarketing call would proffer. Of the calls we have received, only a few of those have insisted on their right to call our number. The rest have been courteous and promptly ended the call when we have made it known that our number is on the no call list.

We consider telemarketing calls to be an invasion of our privacy. Whereas we may throw away junk mail or delete it if it is email with very little time and effort, we have only options like the no call list or other devices commercially sold to rid ourselves of unsolicited communications. If this would be taken away, we would once again be forced to spend valuable time getting rid of these unwanted calls. We will answer our phone to speak to friends and family, and also to those whom we have given our number so that they may offer us a service or help us with a need. We do not want to answer calls that are made to us without our consent or prior relationship.

We hope that the no call list continues. It is a valuable service to us and we greatly appreciate it.

Sincerely,

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